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April 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

**Southeast Asian Operational
Status -- April 3, 1971**

Laos

Operation LAM SON 719:

Combat activity remained light during the period.

- Two minor actions were reported which resulted in 5 U. S. soldiers wounded. There were no indirect fire attacks during the period.
- South Vietnamese units continued to redeploy from the LAM SON area. Various Allied units are screening this redeployment.
- Two Marine reconnaissance teams have left Laos to rejoin parent units in South Vietnam. There are now no South Vietnamese forces in Laos.

Intelligence:

- The headquarters of the 308th North Vietnamese Division has moved 10 miles southwest of its last reported position.
- In the last 5 weeks, the 3rd NVA Regiment of the 2nd Division has moved 80 miles north to join other 2nd NVA Division regiments in the LAM SON area of Laos.
- There have been early morning showers and thunderstorms in the Tchepone area.
- An intercepted message reported that 152 "enemy" prisoners, including 3 U. S. pilots and a South Vietnamese colonel, were being held at an undisclosed position.

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Reviews Completed

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Diplomatic:

According to an unverified press report, Hanoi's chief delegate at the Paris Talks, Xuan Thuy, has flown to Moscow to confer with Party Chief Le Duan. If true, the two might be discussing the ramifications of LAM SON 719 and possible responses to the President's upcoming statement on Vietnam. ~~There is no reason to believe, however, that Hanoi has any major new departures in mind for the Paris Talks.~~

Cambodia:

Operation TOAN THANG 01/71:

No significant tactical activity was reported and all objectives planned for this period were accomplished.

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